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MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Williamsburg County is well represented in Columbia this week.

Mr. T M Gilland has been appointed a member of the county board of education, vice E G Chandler, deceased.

Mr. Henry M. Smith a banker of Darlington, who is a son of our very efficient judge of probate is in Kingstree.

Last Monday night the Kingstree Hotel was crowded with a host of young folks who tripped the glide, waltz, polka and quadrill until an early hour. The evening was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

The books of registraton were not opened last week, owing to the fact that the board of registrars have no office except the court house, and that was occupied by the court.

Mr. Asa B Burrows suffered the misfortune of having his left hand terribly cut in a gin last week. Dr. D C Scott dressed the wounded member and the injured man is getting along very nicely.

If Mr. Rush, who wrote to us to change his address to Bloomingvale will give us the name of his old postoffice we can make the desired change. We certainly cannot change the address until we get the information requested, as we have more than one subscriber by that name and at different offices.

Mr. G T Bullard, who has been in the employ of Messrs. Lesesne & Epps for some time, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Alden Vinegar Co., of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Bullard's territory will be the entire State, and Columbia will be his headquarters. He has many friends here who will regret to learn that he has determined to leave.

Mr. L J Parrott, of Sumter, the genial and popular court stenographer, entertained a party of young people at the residence of Mr. Louis Jacobs last Thursday night by giving an exhibition of his hypnotic powers. One of the young gentlemen hypnotized was carried in his imagination to heaven. His ideas of the place, as expressed by himself while under the hypnotic influence, were very vague. He spoke of the principal building as being a hotel.

For good mattresses, see Elwell.

A Loss to Kingstree.

Mr. Herbert A Graham, who has been the depot agent here for several years past has been transferred by the Coast Line authorities to Timmonsville. Mr. Graham's removal is a distinct loss to our community, and one that will be felt. Obliging, affable and business-like, he won the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. The Coast Line recognized in him a man of unusual ability and rectitude, transferred him to a more important point than this. Mr. Graham's temporary successor here is Mr. C Hines of Whiteville, N C, a very clever and estimable young man, though it is said that Mr. E L Whitehead will be sent here before very long.

Dressmaking in the latest styles by an experienced and competent dressmaker, at Elwell's.

Court Proceedings.

When we went to press last week the court was on the third day of the trial of Eddie McKnight and Jane Cameron. The evidence was very conflicting and contradictory. The woman acted as her own attorney in cross-examining the witnesses. The case was given to the jury about half-past twelve o'clock Thursday. After about five hours deliberation a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was rendered. The sentence of the court was \$100 fine or eight months hard labor, each.

At the conclusion of the trial Mr. Thos. M Gilland announced to the court the death of E G Chandler, Esq., a member of the Kingstree Bar. The Judge at once adjourned the court until two o'clock Friday afternoon in respect to the deceased attorney.

When the court reconvened Friday afternoon the case against Mr. E B McKnight was called. The defendant was represented by Walter Hazard, Esq., and Mr. T M Gilland represented the State. The case was not concluded until late Saturday afternoon. After only a few minutes deliberation the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

This finished the docket and the criminal court was adjourned.

Monday the civil docket was taken up. This lasted two days and the court adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

Solicitor John S Wilson was unwell when he arrived here from Manning, but he managed to keep up and prosecute the criminal cases until Thursday, when he had to give up and take to his bed. Thos. M Gilland, Esq., ex-solicitor of this circuit took charge of matters for the state then.

Go to Elwell's for good furniture; cheap.

Women's Monument Committee.

Editor, County Record:

Please announce that I have collected the following amounts towards this worthy object, all of which has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the general committee at Columbia. I respectfully ask the different township committees to forward their collections to me at an early day, and to continue their good work.

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| Louis Jacobs, | \$1.00 |
| J. E. Follin, | 1.00 |
| J. A. Kelley, | 1.00 |
| R. H. Kellahan, | 1.00 |
| M. J. Hirsch, | 1.00 |
| Dr. S. D. M. Byrd, | 2.00 |
| D. E. Gordon, | 1.00 |
| W. S. Eaddy, | 1.00 |
| Judge Witherspoon, | 1.00 |
| J. S. Wilson, | .50 |
| Rev. J. E. Dunlop, | 1.00 |
| Dr. D. C. Scott, | 1.00 |
| Simon Poston, | .25 |
| T. M. Gilland, | 1.00 |

The amounts above reported are my individual collections, and has been forwarded to Capt. Desportes, at Columbia, the Treasurer of the Committee.

LOUIS JACOBS.

I will pay highest prices for good sound, dry cotton seed delivered to me at Kingstree.

GEO. S. BARR, Agt.

To the end of the world the most delightful people will be those who mind their own business.

ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

MR. J. Z. MCCONNELL, JR., ARRESTED IN CHARLESTON

On a Charge of Embezzling \$795 of the Funds of a Minor.—He is in the Kingstree Jail.

Sometime last summer Mr. J. Z. McConnell, Jr., then probate judge of this county, left here very suddenly, and there was a great deal of sensational talk about it. Some time later the foreman of the grand jury swore out a warrant for Mr. McConnell's arrest, and placed it in the hands of the sheriff. Nothing more was heard of it until the grand jury filed its final report with the court last week.

On Friday Mr. McConnell was arrested in Charleston, where he has been in business several months past.

The following in regard to the arrest is taken from Saturday's News and Courier:

Mr. J. Z. McConnell, Jr. Ex-Probate Judge of Williamsburg County, was arrested here yesterday morning by Detective John Brennan, and lodged at the Station House on a charge of embezzling. He has borne the reputation of a highly respectable and prominent citizen of Kingstree every since he was elected to serve the people as Probate Judge, in the year 1893, and the news of his arrest on such a serious charge will no doubt occasion much surprise among his friends throughout the State. A short while after McConnell's apprehension Deputy Sheriff Lemon, of Williamsburg County, arrived in the city.

According to an affidavit made before Magistrate Matthews, of Kingstree, by Edwin Harper, the foreman of the grand jury, a few days ago Mr. McConnell is wanted for the misappropriation of \$795 of the estate of Miss Margaret Haselden while he held the position of Probate Judge. The affidavit, which was made when the grand jury convened the first of this week is as follows:

Personally appeared before me W. W. Matthews, a magistrate of said county and the said state, Edwin Harper, who being duly sworn says: That as foreman of the grand jury for the present year for said county and State, under instructions of the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Session for said county a committee of the grand jury was appointed, of which committee deponent was made chairman.

That in pursuance thereof a thorough examination was made of the books and records of the probate office of said county, of which one J. Z. McConnell, Jr., who was the Probate Judge and by virtue thereof the custodian of all money and general guardian of Margaret A. D. Haselden, a minor, at Kingstree, in the county and State aforesaid, on the 21st day of June, 1897, by virtue of the said office, and the instrument aforesaid, the said J. Z. McConnell Jr. did receive and take into his possession the sum of seven hundred and ninety five dollars which was paid and delivered to the said J. Z. McConnell, Jr., as general guardian of the said Margaret A. D. Haselden, to hold the same in trust for her, the said Margaret A. D. Haselden, and having so received the said money for and on account of the person and object aforesaid, the said J. Z. McConnell, Jr., not regarding

the proper conduct of his office aforesaid and his duty in that behalf and with a fraudulent intent to use said money for his own private purpose in breach of his trust, then and there fraudulently and feloniously did embezzle and convert to his own use the said sum of seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and that Ervin M. Smith, C. W. McClam and Edwin Epps are material witnesses in behalf of the State.

An arrest warrant, which was issued by Magistrate Matthews several months ago, was forwarded to Chief of Police Boyle for execution pursuant to an order from the presiding Judge.

Mr. McConnell, in speaking to a Reporter for the News and Courier, said that he could not deny having misplaced the money, but it was altogether a piece of carelessness on his part and that every thing would soon be satisfactorily adjusted out of Court.

"About year after I went into office," said he "I found that I was short about three hundred dollars of Miss Haselden's funds. It worried me considerably when I learned of my shortage, but inasmuch as about five hundred dollars was owing me I hoped to pay up the money that fall. But things didn't turn out as I had anticipated and this occasioned me no end of anxiety. In order to drown my troubles I resorted to whiskey and soon found myself hopelessly behind. When my term of office expired last June I still entertained hopes of earning sufficient money to square accounts with the county before any proceedings were instituted against me.

After I came to Charleston and began selling cigars for a New York house I was informed that a warrant had been issued against me so I was not surprised when Detective Brennan arrested me this morning. I am confident that the case will be compromised as soon as I get back to Kingstree."

Since Mr. McConnell came to Charleston last August he, together with his wife and child, have been boarding at a house on upper King street. A dispatch from the sheriff of Williamsburg County received later in the day; requested that McConnell be held until further notice from Kingstree.

Mr. McConnell was brought here Saturday night, and lodged in jail, where he now is.

Shoes as good as any, as cheap as any, at Elwell's.

In Masonic Circles.

Everything transpiring in Masonic lodges is supposed to be strictly secret, and outsiders are very seldom aware of what is going on at their meetings.

A little bird has, however, whispered to us that Kingstree Lodge No. 46 enjoyed an intellectual treat at their last meeting. Rev. Dr. Elwell is said to have delivered one of the most interesting lectures ever delivered in this community. We learn that the reverend gentleman has been requested and has agreed to deliver a public lecture on St. John's day, Dec. 27th, which is the Masonic anniversary.

A physician has declared that if only twenty minutes a day should be spent in physical exercise as an adjunct to mental education most people might live to seventy without a day's illness, and perhaps prolong their lives to one hundred years.

"CAMP JAMES MCCUTCHEN"

UNITED SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS,

Organized Here Last Monday Night.—Another Meeting to be Held in December.

In pursuance of the call issued in the Record two weeks ago a camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans was organized here last Monday night. Twenty-three names were enrolled, but there should have been five times as many.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. W W Grayson, who stated the object of the meeting. Dr. S P H Elwell and others addressed the assemblage. Upon motion of Mr. C J Lesesne the camp was named "Camp James McCutchen," in honor of that late illustrious soldier, who was the second officer in rank furnished the Confederate States by Williamsburg county.

Mr. Grayson was chosen temporary commandant and Mr. Bristow adjutant, to serve until Monday night, Dec. 6th, (saleday), when it is hoped there will be a larger number of young men in attendance and a permanent organization will be affected. This delay was made in order to give all who wish to join the camp a voice in the selection of officers, and that there may be a hundred or more names enrolled at the next meeting is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

A motion was passed empowering the officers to secure one or more heroes who served it the late war to address the Camp at the meeting in December, and the public generally, and the ladies particularly, besides ALL sons and grandsons of Confederate Veterans are cordially invited to be present.

Thomas & Bradham will be found at their old stand in Kingstree from Oct. 1st with a nice lot of horses ready to fill the wants of their friends and patrons. We will also be ready to collect for stock sold last season. We expect to do some business here and will sell at a price to insure satisfaction. Thanking our friends for past favors and assuring them that we can do better by them than ever before, we solicit an early call.

THOMAS & BRADHAM.



Women of America have a type of beauty peculiar to themselves. The climate, habits, and social peculiarities, have combined to produce a type of womanhood

quite distinct from the women of other countries. It has become almost an everyday occurrence for the nobility and royal blood of Europe to cross the water in search of an American beauty, for the United States has become famous throughout the world. The American beauty is a peculiar product of this country. She has, however, one formidable enemy, not only to her beauty, but to her health as well. That enemy is indigenous to the climate and soil of the United States. It is called Catarrh. Almost every woman has it in mild or severe forms. Our climate makes it well-nigh unavoidable. It is the only natural enemy the American woman has. Not only is the United States the home of catarrh, but it is also the home of the now world-famous catarrh remedy, Peru-na. The medical profession has at last succeeded in devising a remedy for the well-nigh universal disease.

Dr. Hartman, the original compounder of Peru-na, has a recent book on chronic catarrh which he will send free to any address for a short time. Address The Peru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, O.

Ask your druggist for a free Peru-na Almanac for 1898.

Just received: 1200 bushels pure Texas rust proof oats, to be sold lowdown at S. M. Askins, Lake City, S. C.

Edited by Lesesne & Epps.

The life of a benefactor to his race; a life that was spent in uplifting humanity; a life that was sacrificed in the interest of his fellow men; the life of a philosopher, a patriot and statesman, of a pure, noble, golden hearted gentleman has gone out forever. He was not spared to be elected to the Mayoralty of greater New York, but death has cast the vote which brings to Henry George a righteousness eternal.

Buy what thou has no need of and ere long you will sell your necessities, was wisely remarked on one occasion by Benjamin Franklin. Determining where your necessities can be bought cheapest is sometimes difficult, but that being ascertained, then the burden of decision as to what to do rests with you. You are greatly aided by Lesesne & Epps in determining where to buy and if they are allowed to do so they will prove to you the wisdom of making your bill with them. They know that the price of that which brings money to the farmer is low but having bought heavily for the fall business, their goods must go, and the price of cotton will be offset in the prices of shoes, clothing, dry goods and groceries. Exercise that economy and business judgement, which is but your duty, by saving money on your purchases from LESSENE & EPPS.

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